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With recent changes in regulations, many PASS I providers are unable or unwilling to meet the new requirements to become Approved providers. This guidance is provided to help caseworkers and case managers address situations where parents or caretakers cannot participate in work activities because necessary childcare is not available.

A parent or caretaker is exempt from work activities if they demonstrate that they cannot find appropriate, affordable childcare. The attached policy memo details this exemption.

We have updated the online help text for the existing childcare exemption codes, and added a new work activities exemption code, CR. There are now three codes that can be used when a family is exempt from work activities because of a lack of childcare:

- Use the **CC** exemption code when a family does not have a provider, and cannot be assigned to work activities because appropriate childcare is not available.
- Use the **CP** exemption code when there are no PASS I funds available to pay for the childcare the family needs to work or participate in work activities.
- Use the **CR** exemption code when a family loses their childcare because the current provider was unwilling or unable to become an Approved or Licensed provider and other care is not available.

If you have any questions please contact any member of the Policy and Program Development Team at 465-3347 or email us at dpapolicy@health.state.ak.us
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